200 days of assured jobs in rural areas

740. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to have a 200 days of assured jobs in rural areas;

(b) if so, whether earlier, 100 days guaranteed job has not been successful in many States;

(c) if so, the States where this scheme was implemented fully;

(d) whether 200 days of assured job in rural areas will be another scheme or the old one will be modified; and

(d) if so, the State in which this new scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) No, Sir. NREGA is demand driven. During the year 2006-07,2.12 crore households demanded employment and 2.10 crore were provided employment. Out of this, 2142718 households completed 100 days of employment. During the current year (up to January, 2008), 2.83 crore households have demanded employment and 2.80 crore have been provided employment. Out of this, 1381107 households have completed 100 days of employment. Thus, all rural households have not exhausted their legal entitlement of 100 days of employment on demand under the Act.

(d) and (e) At present no such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

NREG Scheme in Karnataka

741. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA SEKHAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Karnataka under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, in 6 districts only 13 households were provided with 50 mandays of employment in 7 months at a total cost of Rs. 6 crores;

(b) what is the present status and achievement of NREGA in Karnataka so far, indicating the number of districts covered, number of families enrolled under the scheme;

(c) the details of employment given and the expenditure incurred thereon; and

(d) the total number of households which have registered for employment under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) In the 6 districts of Karnataka where NREGA was implemented with effect from 1.4.2007, 13 households have completed 100 days of employment during the current financial year up to January, 2008.

(b) to (d) NREGA was implemented in 5 districts in the State in the first phase with effect from 2.2.2006. It was extended to 6 additional districts in the second phase with effect from 1.4.2007. Details of the status of implementation in the State for the years 2006-07 and 2007-08 (upto January, 2008) are given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of the Status of implementation of NREGA in Karnataka in the year 2006-07 and 2007-08

Status of implementation of NREGA in Karnataka in 2006-07

No. of districts covered	No. of households issued job cards	No. of households demanded employment	No. of households provided employment	Persondays of employment generated (in Lakhs)	Total Expenditure incurred (Rs. in lakhs)
5	795600	548532	545185	222.01	24829.67

Status of implementation of NREGA in Karnataka in 2007-08 (up to January, 2008)

No. of districts covered	No. of households issued job cards	No. of households demanded employment	No. of households provided employment	Persondays of employment generated (in Lakhs)	Total Expenditure incurred (Rs. in lakhs)
11	1458167	372420	372174	158.87	19608

Old age pension to the BPL senior citizens

t742. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to provide old age pension to the BPL senior citizens aged 65 or above;

(b) if so, the details of the amount to be provided with other conditions;

(c) whether such senior citizens are required to be the destitute; and

(d) if so, the criteria for such destitution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Rs. 200 per month per benficiary will be provided to by way of Central Assistance under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) to a person who is 65 years or higher and belonging to a households below the poverty line according to the criteria prescribed by the Government of India.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Implementing NREG Scheme in plantation areas of Kerala

743. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether sanction will be given to implement NREG Scheme in plantation areas of